کاؤنٹر کرنے کے لیے کچھ کام کر رہے ہیں۔ اور میں یہ آپ سے جاننا چاہتا ہوں کہ آپ نے اس کو ایسیس کیا ہے کہ ہمارے خلاف جو پوری دنیا کے اندر پروپیگنڈہ چل رہا ہے اس کا جواب ہمارے سفارتخانے کس پرکار سے دے رہے ہیں۔ کیا آپ کی وزارت اس سے واقف ہے۔ اور واقف ہے تو کیا مطمئن ہے۔...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Afzal, you have asked the question. You do not have to explain it.

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Sir, it is part (b) of my question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Finish it in one minute. You cannot make a speech.

श्री मोहम्मद अफज़ल उर्फ मीम अफज़ल: क्या आपको इस बात की जानकारी है कि अब से 4-5 साल पहले हमारी राज्य सभा के ही एक सदस्य उनके नाम से कुछ अखबारों में इश्तहारात छपे थे, गैर मुमालिक के अंदर जिसमें इस्लामी फौज के नाम से चन्दा जमा करने की बात की गई थी। क्या विज़ारते खारजा को इसका कुछ इल्म है और क्या इस इस्लामी फौज के नाम पर जो पैसा जमा करने की बात की गई है, उसका ताल्लुक टैरोरिस्ट एक्टिविटीज़ से है?

شری محمد افضل عرف م۔ افضل: کیا آپ کو اس بات کی جانکاری ہے کہ اب سے چار پانچ سال پہلے ہماری راجیہ سبھا کے ہی ایک سدسیے انکے نام سے کچھ اخباروں میں اشتہارات چھپے تھے غیر ممالک کے اندر جس میں اسلامی فوج کے نام سے چندہ جمع کرنے کی بات کی گئی تھی۔ کیا وزارت خارجہ کو اس کا علم ہے اور کیا اس اسلامی فوج کے نام پر جو پیسہ جمع کرنے کی بات کی گئی ہے۔ اس کا تعلق ٹیررسٹ ایکٹی ویٹیز سے ہے۔

श्री आर० एल० भाटिया: जहां तक आपका यह सवाल है कि जो टैरोरिस्ट एक्टिविटीज़ बाहर चल रही हैं या डिफ्रेंट आर्गनाइजेशंस, फंडामेंटलिस्ट आर्गनाइजेशंस की जो गतिविधियां हैं, उनके बारे में हमको पूरी जानकारी है और उसका तोड़ करने के लिए हमारे जो मिशन हैं, वह पूरी तरह से वहां की जो गवर्नमेंट हैं, उनको अवगत करा रहे हैं। इसके अलावा लिटरेचर से और दूसरे साधनों से हम उन मुल्कों को पूरा अवगत करा रहे हैं, जो कि टैरोरिस्ट एक्टिविटीज़ हैं। जैसा कि आपने कहा कि वहां कुछ आर्गनाइजेशन पैसा जमा कर रही हैं। इसमें कोई शक नहीं है। इंगलैंड में और दूसरी जगहों में भी यह तमाम टैरोरिस्ट आर्गनाइजेशन काम कर रही हैं। यही वजह है जैसा कि आपने लंदन का जिक्र किया है, हमने वहां की गवर्नमेंट के साथ एक्सटेडिशन ट्रीटी की है। इससे उनकी गतिविधियां कम होंगी। इसी तरह हमने दूसरे मुल्कों को भी यह ऑफर दिया है और आज में इसी हाउस में एक्सटेडिशन एक्ट के मुताबिक अमेंडमेंट भी ला रहा हूं। तो इससे उनकी गतिविधियां कम होंगी। जहां तक हमारी जिम्मेदारी का ताल्लुक है, हमारे मिशन बहुत अच्छी तरह से काम कर रहे हैं, उनकी गतिविधियां देख भी रहे हैं, हमको रिपोर्ट भी दे रहे हैं और वहां की सरकारों के नोटिस में भी ला रहे हैं कि वह उनके खिलाफ एक्शन लें।

Curbing mining and industrial activities in Rajasthan

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DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued a notification curbing various mining and industrial activities in and around forest area in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that this notification will render almost 5-6 million workers jobless, if so, what steps have been taken to provide alternative jobs; and

(c) whether Government have estimated the loss to public revenue as a result of stopping of mining and industrial activity, if so, in what manner the loss of revenue is to be compensated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Government of India issued a notification on 7th May, 1992 regulating certain developmental

† The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Triloki Nath Chaturvedi

activities in specific areas of Aravali Range in Gurgaon district of Haryana and Alwar district of Rajasthan. The notification only requiries that Environmental Impact Assessment be done before granting permission for specified activities and it does not ban any development activity as such.

(b) and (c) does not arise.

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, do I have your permission to put both (a) and (b) parts of my first supplementary at one time?

MR. CHAIRMAN: If they are really connected. Otherwise, they will be separate questions.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Do not take permission. Whether we want to defy the rules, we do not seek permission.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Since he has sought permission, I am saying, no.

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: Sir, I would like to know whether the decision that was taken is a unilateral one or there was any consultation with the State Governments, with the various federations of the mining industry as well as other environmental interests before coming to a particular conclusion. If so, what were the misgivings and the objections of the State Governments?

That was part (a) of my first supplementary. Part (b) of my supplementary is that apart from the question of loss of employment to about 50 or 60 lakh people, because of the decision taken by the Ministry, the possibility of small scale industries growing at that particular area remains suppressed and inhibited. May I know what the Government is doing as regards devising a scheme, if it is not already there, to compensate this likely loss to the State Government?

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, I would like to dispel the misgivings of the Hon. Member that 50-60 lakh people would be unemployed. This notification relates to two districts, Gurgaon, and Alwar of Rajasthan.

It does not relate to the whole of Rajasthan, and 50-60 lakh people being displaced is not correctly founded. There has been no ban.

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल: कितने लोगों बतना बता दीजिए। दस लोगों, पांच लोगों, कितने लोगों?

श्री कमल नाथ: हमें बोल लेने दीजिए तभी तो सुन सकेंगे। कृपया पहले सुन लीजिए।

Sir, there has been no ban. So, again, the question of any unemployment does not arise. With regard to the Hon. Member's question whether the State Government was consulted, this notification was first issued as a draft, and suggestions and objections were invited. After several months of discussions on this, after several suggestions were received and incorporated, the final notification was issued in May 1992. The State Government of Rajasthan had pointed out that there were still some points which they would like to be streamlined. These were discussed by me in a meeting with the State Government officials and various associations, not with regard to this notification but with regard to other environmental measures which we propose taking, these are being looked into, but these are very minor. As such, I would like to repeat that there is no ban. This notification does not ban it. It only integrates environmental concern with developmental activities.

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: Sir, my straight question was whether any loss has been estimated, and the reply is completely in the negative. As regards discussions with the State authorities and the associations also, reference has been made to the earlier notification. The two notifications combined will result in a loss of about Rs. 700—1,000 crores to the State Government; that possibility is there. The Minister has looked only at the present and not to the future of the people getting employment in an area where already there are no industries. I think, that stands prevented. The Minister has not given that clarification. That's why, Sir, part (a) of my second supplementary is: Is the Minister aware that the Rajasthan Federation of Mining Associations has given communication or a representation to the Prime Minister, Shri Narasimha Rao, that in the efforts of increasing the forest cover and trying to protect the sanctuaries they would involve themselves in the governmental efforts? Is the Minister aware of any such communication or representation, and what is the reaction of the Ministry to that?

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, the Hon. Member is perhaps confusing between the Aravali notification and ....

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: I think the Minister is an expert at confusing others.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let him explain so that you will be enlightened.

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI : I would like to be enlightened... (*Interruptions*). He has a much wider comprehension. Only he is forgetful of.... (*Interruptions*).

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल : अनएम्प्लायमेंट कितना हुआ इसका जवाब दे दीजिए ।

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Sir, if the Hon. Member gets so easily confused, he shouldn't blame me of attempting to confuse him.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : He is trying to confuse the whole House... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Sir, there is one notification issued in May 1992 and that's it. No other notification has yet been issued. What the Hon. Member—I will again dispel his confusion—is referring to is, perhaps, a proposed notification, and against that proposed notification certain suggestions and objections have been received. When the Hon. Member mentions about future unemployment and future problems, he must also recognize that what we are doing is for the future and not the present, because of the environmental degradation which has taken place in Rajasthan. So, what the Hon. Member is referring to is a proposed notification. Representations have been received by me, representations have also been received by the Prime Minister, with a copy to me.

Again on this we have held discussions, and these discussions were held about two weeks ago when I had invited all the associations, officials of the Rajasthan Government and NGOs to give their views. Some very good interaction took place. All these aspects will be certainly considered with all the seriousness they deserve if and when this proposed notification is finally issued.

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI : Sir, part (b) of my second supplementary is....

MR. CHAIRMAN : Can you put it in two, three seconds ?

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI : I want to thank the Minister for trying to dispel my confusion. I meant both the notifications.

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Sir, I am on a point of order. The Hon. Minister has mentioned....

MR. CHAIRMAN : No point of order in the Question Hour.

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : .... about a proposed notification. How can a proposed notification be known to the Members unless it is leaked out by someone ? No Member can know about a proposed notification unless he has got some access to the Ministry.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have said it, but there is no point of order during the Question Hour, as you know.. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI : My simple question is this. In view of the need for harmonisation of environmental claims as well as demands for development, I fully share the concern of the Minister, but to remove doubts will he set up a committee to review the entire situation, consisting of State authorities, experts from the Government, also experts from non-governmental organisations and Members of Parliament from Rajasthan and Haryana ?

SHRI KAMAL NATH : No, Sir, certainly I will not set up any committee, but I will have consultations which I have been doing with associations. I welcome the hon. Member to give me any suggestions which he may have. I welcome other hon. Members also who may have suggestions in this regard, to give them to me. I have held discussions with associations and NGOs, and these discussions will continue. It is not that we will rush into this. We are conscious of the effect it will have on development. Our effort is to ensure that environment and development are integrated.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi. Not present.

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल : मंत्री महोदय ने जो कहा है उसके बारे में मैं कहना चाहता हूं कि . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : Will you please sit down ?

Mr. Kamal Morarka.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : The Minister has given a very, very, technically correct reply. But I am happy that he has agreed that there is a proposed notification which is known to all of us. Mr. Sushil Kumar Shinde is unnecessarily

getting agitated about the proposed notification being known to everybody.

Sir, I seek a specific assurance from the Minister. Rajasthan is a backward State. I understand the requirement of environment. ... (*Interruptions*).

Sir, Mr. Meena can carry it on in the Lobby.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Meena, I will give you a chance. Not now. Let him ask his supplementary... (*Interruptions*).

Mr. Morarka, please go ahead.

श्री भूलाचन्द्र मीणा : भारतीय जनता पार्टी के नेताओं ने पोलिटिकल स्टंट बनाया है ... (*व्यवधान*)... जो नोटिफिकेशन है उसके बारे में ... (*व्यवधान*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Meena, will you please sit down ?

Mr. Morarka, please go ahead.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : I seek a specific assurance from the Minister. Rajasthan is a backward State. I am fully with the Minister. Sustainable development is the keynote of the entire Environment Ministry. I fully understand that Rajasthan being a backward State, if the definition of "forest areas" is to be what the Ministry is proposing, then unfortunately, 70 per cent of the entire State will be covered, and the industrial activity will come almost to a stand-still. The real problem in Rajasthan is that the Aravali Range and other different forest areas in Rajasthan are so located that if your definition of the forest area of 100 km. or 200 km. is really implemented, there will be hardly any pocket in Rajasthan where industrial activity can take place.

Now, this is a practical problem. I would request the Minister to reconsider this entire matter specific to Rajasthan. I understand the environmental problem's logic, but specific to Rajasthan you have to consider the entire environment notification in a manner that industrial activity can be carried on without really degrading the environment. I feel that it is quite possible to find a via-media where the requirements of the environment can be fully met without creating the apprehensions of joblessness which has been raised by the Hon. Members on that side very logically. The Minister is technically right that this notification by itself is not going to lead to 5 million to 6 million people being jobless. But the proposed notification will do so. So, I want an assurance from the Minister that Rajasthan will be kept... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have already asked the question.

श्री शिवचरण सिंह : मैं सबसे पहले हाथ उठा रहा हूं (*व्यवधान*) मुझे आप अलाऊ नहीं कर रहे हैं (*व्यवधान*) आप बीच में दूसरे मैम्बर्स को अलाऊ कर रहे हैं लेकिन मुझे अलाऊ नहीं किया है (*व्यवधान*) ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : If you want time, you please allow the Minister. Otherwise Question Hour will be over. Please go head.

श्री बह्मदेव आनन्द पाण्डेय : सभापति महोदय, मैं भी बिहार के बारे में बोलूंगा (*व्यवधान*)

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Sir, there is a difference — I am happy my friend, Hon. Member Kamal Morarka, recognises it — between sustainable development and reckless development. Sir, the proposed notification also does not seek to ban anything. The proposed notification seeks to do two things. It seeks to ensure the siting, that industry is properly located and development is sustainable. The Aravali range is one of the most eco-sensitive ranges and influences about 50 per cent of the adjoining States, including river basins. I am saying this because hon. Members mentioned about Aravali range and drifting of sand and sand dunes through the gap areas. It not only affects Rajasthan, but it also affects the adjoining States. This dust flies over Delhi. It is one of the reasons for the environmental degradation in the Aravali range, which at the time of independence was full of forest cover. So, the proposed notification does not in any way seek to ban development or industrialisation. It seeks to lead to proper siting and seeks to ensure that the development is sustainable. It seeks to see that the environmental management plan is implemented. It seeks to integrate these two issues and this will be done. We are all conscious that there is no use of talking of environment without development. Both have to move hand in hand. That is the intention of the Government and this will be followed.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : There is a definition of forest cover of 100 kilometres, Sir.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: There is no such thing even in the proposed...

श्री शिवचरण सिंह : माननीय सभापति महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी कृपया यह बताने की कृपा करें कि फारेस्ट कंजरवेशन एक्ट 1980 में आया, आप 1980 से 1993 तक क्या कर रहे थे ? 1993 में जो आपने जनरल नोटिफिकेशन इश्यू किया है, 1992 में एक नोटिफिकेशन इश्यू किया है अरावली हिल्स का हरियाणा का और अलवर डिस्ट्रिक्ट का 1993 में जो आपने जनरल नोटिफिकेशन शायद मार्च के महीने में इश्यू किया है जिसके अनुसार यह पाबंदी लगाई है माइन आनर्स पर जो फारेस्ट एरिया में है, जो सेंक्चुरी एरिया के पांच किलोमीटर एरिया में हैं, उनको एन०ओ०सी० लेना पड़ेगा यह आपने किस आशय से किया है ? (*व्यवधान*)

श्री कमलनाथ : सभापति महोदय, सन् 1980 में जब फारेस्ट एक्ट लागू हुआ था उस समय समस्या गम्भीर थी। हमारे वन क्षेत्रों को सुरक्षित रखने का उद्देश्य था परन्तु जहां हमारे जंगल साफ हुए थे और जब समस्या खास कर के अरावली क्षेत्र में गम्भीर होती गई तो उसके कारण ही यह नोटिफिकेशन अरावली रेंज का इश्यू करना पड़ा। माननीय सदस्य इससे सहमत होंगे... (*व्यवधान*)

श्री शिवचरण सिंह : आपने 1992 में किया और वह भी सुप्रीम कोर्ट के आर्डर देने के बाद (*व्यवधान*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: *

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please note that this will not go into the record or to the television.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Repatriation of Chakma Refugees

*124. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA
SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI'

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have held fresh discussion with Bangladesh Foreign Minister to remove the deadlock over the issue of repatriation of the Chakma refugees;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of the discussion held in this regard recently;

(c) the number of Chakma refugees now staying in the country; and

(d) by when all the Chakma refugees are likely to be sent back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The last round of discussion with the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh which covered the repatriation of Chakma refugees was held during his visit to Delhi on June 11-13, 1993.

(b) Government of Bangladesh has reiterated its commitment to arrange an early repatriation of Chakma and other tribal refugees and have assured us that they would undertake all necessary measures to encourage their return.

(c) The total number of Chakma refugees now staying in the country is approximately 54,000.

(d) Both the Governments are committed to complete the repatriation of Chakma refugees as early as possible.

Nexus between Film Producers—Financiers and Underworld

*125. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nexus between film producers—financiers and underworld has emerged and is being taken note of by Home Department and CBI;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that underworld finance of Bombay filmdom has assumed serious and significant proportion;

(d) whether it is also a fact that underworld dons dictate particular heroes and heroines role to be played in the films they finance;

(e) if so, whether the authorities have taken note of serious consequences of such dictation; and

(f) whether underworld mafias have established nexus with politicians?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (e) In connection with the investigations into the Bomb Blasts in Bombay on 12 March, '93, the Maharashtra Govt. have intimated that certain information has become available regarding the involvement of some film world per-

*Not recorded.